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MONTEREY NEWS



April, 1977

OUR TOWN



Erratum

The dateline on the last issue of the MONTEREY NEWS was April, 1977. Apologies -- this is April, that was March! The editor must have been longing for spring.

Annual Town Meeting

The Monterey Annual Town Meeting will be May 7, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the church social room. Polls will be open until 8:00 p.m. Nominations for Town offices from the Democratic and Republican parties are as follows:

Democrat

Eugene O'Connell
Stefan Grotz
Henry J. Makuc
George J. Helmrich
William A. Stevens
Cynthia M. Weber
(Anne Marie Makuc
(Betty Lee Carlson
Alice Schick
Claude H. Burke
Raymond W. Tryon
Sheldon E. Fenn
Anne E. Vickerman
Jed Peter Lipsky
Joseph Burkholder

Republican

Dean Amidon
Robert Ensign
(same)
(same)
(same)
(same)
(same)
Susan Le Prevost
(same)
(same)
(same)
(same)
(same)
Marilyn L. Stevens

Moderator for One Year
Selectman for Three Years
Tax Collector for Three Years
Treasurer for Three Years
Auditor for One Year
Assessor for Three Years
Library Trustee for Three Years

Library Trustee for One Year
Cemetery Committee for Three Years
Constable for Three Years
Finance Committee for Three Years
Park Commission for Three Years
Planning Board for Five Years
Regional School District Committee
for Two Years

Voters should be aware that Matt Williams is resigning from his post as Selectman. Candidates for election are Robert Ensign and Stefan Grotz.

ROBERT ENSIGN is known to most of Monterey who, with his wife, Jill, put Brookbend back on its feet. Prior to starting that project in 1974 he had been a summer resident of Monterey and frequent visitor since infancy in 1914. His father, Raymond Ensign, founded the Berkshire Summer School of Art (now Meadowlark Camp) in 1915 and established Brookbend Inn in 1923.

Robert Ensign is by profession an industrial designer. He was trained in mechanical engineering and the arts, and entered the profession in 1935. As a partner in the firm of Walter Dorwin Teague Associates he played a large part in developing it into the largest independent industrial design organization in the world. In 1970 the Ensigns moved to Stowe, Vermont, where Robert undertook the rehabilitation of an aging hotel which he converted into apartments. In 1974 the Ensigns returned to Monterey to make this their permanent home.

STEFAN GROTZ grew up in the Northeast, in New York City. He received a BA in English Literature from Cornell in 1961. He did graduate work at the University of California, became disillusioned with the academic environment, returned to New York to work in an editorial capacity, and eventually to the Berkshires, an area he knew as a child, to get away from city life. Since 1971 he has been employed by the Berkshire County Extension Service as a Consumer Specialist. During the past four years he has attended Western New England College School of Law, in Springfield, at night, and in January of this year, having passed the Bar Exam in the summer, he was sworn in as an attorney. Stefan, his wife, Stephanie, and their two children live on Route 23 in the old Fargo homestead.

Children's Health Program

One noteworthy item on an otherwise unremarkable Warrant is a request for \$300 to support the Children's Health Program, a service for children from birth to 5 years of age. The program offers a medical exam, including eye and dental checks, developmental assessment and immunization. Blood tests are available, as well as advice and counseling for mothers. There is a Visiting Nurse on call. The program now sponsors a play group in the Monterey School from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Thursdays. (continued)

"OUR TOWN" (continued)

Lake Garfield Association Report

The dam on Lake Garfield was closed incrementally beginning on February 11. Ice and snow impeded operations, but on February 19 the last ice was chopped away by hand and the gate was closed to allow only the slow trickle recommended by engineers to prevent "ice arching," a hypothetical process in which winter wind blowing up the outlet pipe causes heavy frost in the earth around the pipe and, perhaps, heaving of portions of the dam. The lake level was back to normal on March 21. The Lake Garfield Association, in a preliminary summary of its research on lake problems, expressed optimism regarding the effects of the winter drawdown. A heavy freeze last fall, which lasted for two months without significant snow cover, is likely to have discouraged water milfoil, a prevalent and particularly susceptible lake weed.

Elsewhere in the report two nutrients, nitrogen and phosphorus, and two water plants, cattails and pond lilies, were identified as agents of eutrophication. Boat motors were cited as yet another culprit, proliferating growth by cutting and redistributing weed segments.

The Association is still considering chemical controls. Immediate recommendations were elimination from the lake area of phosphate detergents, deciduous trees, lake weeds and shore area mud.

Representative Sisitsky Will Visit Monterey

State Representative Alan Sisitsky will be making a visit to Monterey sometime Saturday morning, April 23. Townspeople are invited to come to the Selectmen's office in the Monterey School to ask questions, offer comments or criticism.

Roadside Clean-up

The annual Roadside Clean-up is scheduled for April 23 this year. In the past, by means of an army of pick-ups, feed bags and stalwarts of all ages, the town has been divested of the bushels of beer and soda cans littering its roadsides. Following the crusade there is a picnic in Greene Park, after which, one may presume, not an empty soda can nor scrap of paper napkin may be seen. John Ryder is coordinating the effort. He needs pick-up trucks, drivers and trash collectors, young and old. Volunteers should call John at 528-2548.

Leash Law and Dog Licenses

A New England Telephone Company overturned March 26, swerving to avoid/on Route 23. The driver was unhurt, the truck was extensively damaged. Police Chief Douglas Lyman advises dog owners that, according to the leash law in Monterey, roaming dogs are to be curtailed in their activities. In addition to this, dog owners should have received notice by mail that dog licenses expired March 31. 1977 licenses, required by law, may be obtained from Susan MacIver, Town Clerk, and will cost \$3 for male and spayed female dogs, \$6 for unspayed females.

a dog

Junk Cars to Be Removed

Letters are going out this month from the Board of Selectmen to people whose lawns or fields are presently adorned with junk automobiles or trucks. After notification is received there is a fine of \$10 per day until the offending machine is removed.

I put three bulbs
down in earth
in order to bloom
for me
the puppy (mine
but no conformist)
flung them out
into the sun

I cooked and swept
iced the wine
spread fresh sheets
to snare him
for my senses
he came
but would not ravish
our love
was gently made

I had a child
no image of me
nor subject more
to my manipulation
her bloom's exotic
not conceived
by me

Susan McAllester
Monterey



On Saturday evening, March 12, a gala production of the comedy "The Family Tree," in three acts, by Winifred Anne, was presented in Rhinelander Hall by the following members of the drama workshop: Master of Ceremonies - Irving Friedman; Mr. Phipps - Tom Ticknor; Mrs. Phipps - Leora Eichen; Barbara Phipps - Cathy Rowe; Grandma Phipps - Saralee Goodman; Bruce Stiles - Steve Moore; Judge Duffy - Victor Trese; Sheriff Jacobs - Irving Friedman; Prompter - Dan Drosin.

The play was very well received. Actors and audience had a good time. The cast doubled as stage hands, shifting scenery as necessary. They had given two months' preparation to the performance, working under the tutelage of Mrs. Sally Kelly of Sheffield. Mrs. Kelly studied creative drama at Syracuse University.

March additions to the staff include Doug King, whose home is in Yellow Springs, Ohio. He has come for a six months' period. Lydia Snow is here as a volunteer for two months. She plans to enter college in the fall. Her father is the Rev. John Snow, Executive Director of Gould Farm from 1960 to 1962, currently a professor at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge. He and Mrs. Snow and their four children live at Topside.

Rose McKee

OUR CHURCHES



Association and Conference Meetings

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Mass at 10 a.m. each Sunday

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Notes Church School: Kindergarten, Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
 Grades 1-3, Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.
 Grades 4-6, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Wedding bells for Nicholas Pierro and Tamara DuBose on March 24.

The Berkshire Association is meeting on Sunday, April 17, at 2:45 p.m. in the Richmond Church. One of the major tasks of this meeting is amending the constitution of the Association. We usually have a good delegation from Monterey at these meetings.

The Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ is having its meeting on April 29 - May 1. The meeting this year is in Chicopee. Anyone interested in attending any of the sessions should speak to Hadley Simons.

The Missing Link With this issue of the MONTEREY NEWS we are sending information regarding an attempt to open up new channels among the people of the Monterey community. First of all, we see this organization as being a channel of communication. It is an avenue through which to start exploring what might be done concerning almost any perceived need. Often a person may feel a need or concern over something, yet not know whether anyone else cares. That concern lies unstated and unrecognized. We would anticipate that such concerns would be publicized from time to time. Thus, the opportunity would be given to open connection with others.

A second hope is that, once communications are opened up, concrete ways of meeting specific human needs could be organized. How wonderful if someone who wants to read aloud could be connected with a person whose sight is failing and whose life would be immeasurably brightened by that reading person. Someone may need a particular kind of job done, but have no idea where to locate a person who can do it for them. There are people with energy and compassion who would gladly give of themselves in helping if only they knew the needs of others. There may be three or four people in the community who would like to engage with others in French or Russian conversation, but none of them know of the others. The things that might be "linked" by this process are as varied as the human imagination. We start with "The Missing Link" but hope that many of those missing links can be filled in.

PRECOCITY

Summer Saturday's basking free
early come at April's end
shining shy in olive copper
rose chartreuse and leafy trim
too slim to hide the tepid sun
or sway the balance of the air.

Susan McAllester
Monterey

THE GROUP AND THE INDIVIDUAL

Being human constantly presents us with dilemmas. One of the powerful paradoxes we face is the conflict of interest that seems to exist between our role as individuals and that as members of a group.

We are born into families. Before we learn who we are we are included in all kinds of groups. We live out our lives in different communities. Yet there is the other end of this paradox, and we confront it whichever we turn. We are individuals. As individuals we are never completely contained within any group. Individuals we remain, no matter how powerful a sway the group has over us.

Our lives are perpetually being shaped by this amazing paradox. I look at myself from one angle and declare that the group molds and shapes me until it seems I have little power to be anything other than what the group makes me be. Yet, looking at my life from another angle, my existence as a single individual stands out as if I were in a spotlight. Then I know that nothing the group can do can take away my aloneness, my separateness, my solitariness.

Let us focus for a moment on the part the group plays in our lives. Our very lives come from the groups of which we have been a part. All of us came into being in that group known as the family. Before we knew who we were we were sustained and preserved by any number of groups. Without the group there simply is no life for us. Our families, churches, schools, neighborhoods tell us what is good and what is bad. They tell us who we are -- they literally mold us in their own images. At first they seem to have nearly a 100 % vote on the persons we are to become. There can be no doubt about it, group life has powerful tendencies to ask for likeness and conformity in its members. Groups tend to stifle the strongest expressions of individuality.

Consider the other side of this paradox, our individuality. From whence does it come? Somewhere the child learns to stamp his foot and say, "No." Almost invariably individuality begins with the word, "No." The negative is one way of starting to distinguish ourselves from the group. It is my early "no" that may teach me I exist as a separate person.

As individuality comes more securely into place, the word "yes" comes more to the fore. Learning to say "no" had its primary value in keeping us from being swallowed up by the group. The real thrust into life, the true unfolding of our potential, comes as we learn to say "yes" to life.

The true flowering of humanity comes as literally seeds of life begin to spring up within the personality of each individual. These individual seeds produce a richness and variety no group would ever be able to call forth. Jesus of Nazareth grew up a Jewish child, in a Jewish home, a child of hismiculture, and yet the flowering forth of grace and truth within him was something no group would ever have the power to call forth. Leornado da Vinci grew up in a hill village in Tuscany, yet no one has ever been to explain the marvelous flowering forth of this son of a peasant woman in 15th century Italy. No group could ask for or evoke what Leonardo drew out of the treasures of his own spirit. That came alone from the seeds lying latent in his own soul.

I speak of Jesus of Nazareth and Leornado da Vinci, and you may say, "What do you expect? They are in another whole world, a whole world, a whole different class from me. Jesus , yes, Leornado, yes, but me , no!" This is our amazing dilemma. The vast majority have allowed the weighty hand of the group to rest so heavily upon us that we neglect and belittle the flowering forth of the treasures that are contained in our persons.

Here I am touching upon one of the most awesomse aspects of personality development. Individual development literally rests on the pivot point between the groups of which we are all a part and the seeds of uniqueness that lie waiting to be called forth in each person. Within each one of us there is so much waiting to be lifted up, yet most of this fire of personal potential is allowed to die down and remain hidden away. Imagination cannot begin to fathom the unrealized, the undeveloped spiritual fire, life, vitality, that are hidden away in most of us.

Why all this struggle between the realized and the unrealized? We grew up, every last one of us, in groups that largely worshiped the qualities of likeness, sameness, conformity. This is the nature of groups, so let us not waste time in bitterness over it. We have so little trusted our own uniqueness, so little believed the urgings and intimations within us that we allowed them to fade away, remaining undeveloped and largely unrealized.

The things that are most truly valuable in each one of us are the result of those seeds that we allowed to grow. Let us rejoice in them! May it be as we continue to receive the fundamental nourishment and sustenance of the groups in which we are rooted that we shall not give them more than their due. Most important of all, let us not undervalue the uniqueness that is trying to find its way into the world through our individuality. It is the world's best hope through us. Treasure it well!



BOY SCOUTS

Philip Seward, a representative of the Appalachian Boy Scout Council, was guest speaker at the Blue and Gold Dinner, Friday, April 1, in the church social room. He presented a program of slides of scouting activities, with emphasis on camping. Awards given out at the banquet were as follows: Denis O'Connor and David Gauthier - Athlete Badge; Steven Phillips - Bear Badge; Keith Amstead - Bear Badge, one gold arrow, one silver arrow; Jason Weber - Wolf Badge, one gold arrow, one silver arrow; Mark Candee - Wolf Badge, one gold arrow, one silver arrow; Ben Reuter - Wolf Badge, one gold arrow, one silver arrow.

The Flag Ceremony was presented by Den 1, Monterey. Den 2, of New Marlborough, gave a skit about the Wild West. The Webelos made scarecrows, which were awarded as door prizes to Susanne Eline and Steven Brucale.

During April, Pack 51 will try to raise funds for Pack activities by having a Cub-for-Hire campaign. Cubs range in age from 8 to 10. Call Cynthia Weber at 528-1878 to secure a Cub for simple spring chores, such as raking, garage cleaning and the like.

The Webelos are finishing their Craftsman Badge and will be working on Artist, Forester and Outdoorsman Badges during April.

GIRL SCOUTS

Cadettes The Cadettes have chosen the theme "Keep America Beautiful" for the month of April. They will join the Town Clean-up on April 23. The girls are still preparing for their Emergency Preparedness Badge. They will be practising bandaging on the weekend of April 15.

Brownies The Brownies helped with the Easter Egg Hunt April 10 (Easter) by making favors for the egg hunters.

This month is Community Month for the Brownies. They will participate in the Town Clean-up April 23 and will begin planting seeds in preparation for their annual project, the windowboxes of the Monterey Post Office.

LITTLE LEAGUE

The Little League is still welcoming contributions of money for new uniforms. Send to Monterey Little League, c/o Patricia Amstead, Box 123, Monterey, Mass. 01245.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

None this month.

4-H NEWS

The Monterey Roadrunners 4-H Horse Club will attend a swimming party at the Jug End Barn. This will be an unusual event, as the members will be asked questions pertaining to horses before they will be allowed in the water. There will be water games played, where questions will also be asked, and depending on whether the answer is correct or not, it will be determined whether they will swim in that particular event. It should prove to be interesting. This party will be held on the club's next meeting date, April 12.

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